

PATENT

(Practitioner's Docket No. IN-5212Div.)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Timothy S. December

Serial No.: This application is a Divisional
of 09/467,256 filed December 20, 1999.

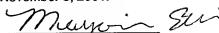
Filed: November 8, 2001

For: PIGMENT DISPERSANTS HAVING
ANIONIC FUNCTIONALITY FOR USE IN
ANODIC ELECTROCOAT
COMPOSITIONS

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the
following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by inserting the following before line 1 on
page 1:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/467,256 filed December
20, 1999, pending.

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In the Claims

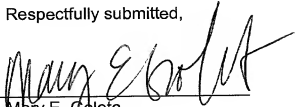
Please cancel claims 1-14, and 16-28.

CONCLUSION

Remaining claim 15 was subject to restriction requirement in the Parent Case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if that would be helpful to resolving any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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